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FTC Rule 3.41(b) permits the Administrative Law Judge to recess a Part 3 hearing “for brief intervals of the sort normally involved in judicial proceedings[.]” Continuing the present recess until 21 days after the final resolution of the federal proceeding is appropriate under Rule 3.41(b) for several reasons. First, according to the Parties, the federal district court informed the Parties that it would act expeditiously to issue its ruling on the motion for preliminary injunction. Thus, the requested continued recess is of reasonable duration and will not unduly delay resolution of this case. Second, the requested continued recess allows the Parties to react as appropriate to the federal district court’s rulings. Providing the Parties with time to streamline and focus their arguments after the federal court’s rulings allows for a more orderly hearing in this proceeding, and it will also likely reduce the expense and burden on both the Parties and non-parties.

Accordingly, the Joint Motion is **GRANTED**. The recess in the Part 3 administrative hearing, as well as all related pre-hearing deadlines, are **HEREBY CONTINUED** until 21 days after the final resolution of the federal proceeding.

ORDERED:



D. Michael Chappell  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: September 25, 2024